



Year 10 Newsletter

November 2023

Welcome back to Half term 2! Our Year 10 students have made a fantastic start to the year. The Year 10 team are so impressed with the level of investment our students have shown in their new option subject lessons.

Now our students have successfully transitioned and settled in to studying their GCSE and BTECH options subjects, it's time to turn our attention to how we can all support them to get the very best from their two-year GCSE courses and secure the best possible results.

Our core goal is to ensure that every one of our wonderful Year 10 students achieves their very best, and that they will have the qualifications and character to go on to make their life goals a reality. Whether that be studying post 16, taking up an apprenticeship or gain-full employment, we want them to be ready and confident to lead successful and fulfilling lives.

Today, I'd like you to know how you can help your young person to be at their best by sharing a copy of the assessment timetable prior to their first learning cycle report. We will be working through the planned assessment timetable with year 10 shortly and helping them to plan their own revision timetables and show them how best to revise.

All I ask of you is that you take the time to ask them about their revision timetables and encourage them to work independently at home on their assessments over the next few weeks and months.

I am really looking forward to being a part of this journey with Year 10 and I am sure we will see their level of investment continue to grow throughout the year.

Miss Bott
Year 10 Student Achievement Leader



Welcome to the Year 10 Newsletter where we will keep you updated periodically with what's planned for our year 10 students, examples of student work, spotlights on STWA staff and lots of effective revision hacks.

Assessments updates

What are the assessments about?

Well, they help us gain a rounded view of how well your young person is doing and where they can develop further with our help.

What will the report show?

The reports are nothing new as you will have received several over the course of your child's time at STWA. However, a greater emphasis will be placed on how well our year 10 group invests in lesson time, enrichment, book and coursework standards and assessment results. Together these all form a rounded picture of how well your young person is doing, and what their likely outcomes will be at the end of Year 11.



Miss Gallagher

"As our Year 10 Student Welfare Manager, I get the privilege of sharing the joys, the excitement and the challenges faced by our wonderful young people. It's fantastic to see how they are fast maturing into independent, driven, resilient and happy young adults. If you have any concerns for your young person, please reach out to the Year 10 team and myself. Their wellbeing and happiness are paramount to us."



Revision Hacks:

Satchel One/SparksMaths:

Homework is a great place to start your revision journey, it gives you independent tasks that consolidate your learning in lessons. Practice makes perfect and supports locking the valuable learning in your long-term memory ready for those exams!

Tassomai:

Tassomai is an adaptive learning program supporting GCSE English, Science, Geography, History and Computer Science.

Tassomai's multiple choice micro-quizzes reinforce knowledge through targeted repetition, like a flashcard. The quizzes are supported by short explainer videos and curated links to relevant external resources.

At the same time the algorithm is learning each student's strengths and weaknesses; it uses this information to target the gaps in a student's knowledge and provide feedback to teachers on which areas individuals and entire classes need help with.

I can't emphasize how good this app is, I wish we had these opportunities when I studied for GCSE. It would have made my revision so much more enjoyable and effective. Download Tassomai from the App store and use your school email address. If you have not logged in previously, use the password QuizLearnGoal.

Kooth

As a school we have recently invested as a school in Kooth.

Kooth is an amazing online resource that allows young people access to 24/7 online support for any worries or concerns they may have about mental health. Please encourage your child to download the app, you never know when it may come in handy.

Key Dates:

Year 10 learning cycle will conclude the week commencing the 4th of December. School progress reports will follow shortly after.